

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A modular service device—(1),  
comprising:

—~~having~~ a housing including —(2) ~~having~~ at least one  
module location—(6a-6d);

—~~having~~ \_\_\_\_\_ at least one connection module,  
arrangeable —(7a-7d) ~~which can be arranged~~ at the module  
location (6a-6d) ~~and is including provided with a~~  
connection devicemeans ~~for a connectable~~ line ~~which can~~  
~~be connected thereto;~~

—~~having~~ \_\_\_\_\_ a contact means (16a, 16b) ~~per~~  
module location—(6a-6d) and an opposing contact means  
(18) ~~per connection module (7a-7d), it being possible for~~  
the contact means (16a, 16b) ~~to make for contacting~~ with  
the opposing contact means (18); ~~characterized by; and~~

— an insulating means —(19) ~~which is,~~ arranged at least  
one of on ~~the~~ an end and/or a longitudinal side on at  
least one of the contact means —(16a, 16b) ~~or on the~~ and  
opposing contact means—(18), for covering the contact  
means—(16a, 16b) ~~being covered~~ on at least one of the end

~~and/or~~ the longitudinal side ~~by the insulating means~~  
(19).

2. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed  
in claim 1, wherein  
the insulating means ~~(19) being~~ includes ~~in the form of~~ an  
insulating bracket.

3. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed  
in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein  
~~it being possible for~~ the insulating means (19) ~~to be~~ is  
integrated as a plug-in element in the housing.

4. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed  
in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~it being possible~~ claim 1, wherein ~~for~~ the insulating means  
(19) ~~to be~~ is arranged at least one of parallel ~~and/or~~  
perpendicular to the longitudinal side of the contact means  
(16a, 16b).

5. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed  
in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, wherein  
the housing (2) ~~and the insulating means (19) being~~ are in the  
form of an integral composite.

6. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~having a design of the contact means include(16a, 16b) having~~  
a longitudinal side, ~~it being possible for the contact means~~  
~~being (16a, 16b) to make contactable~~ with the opposing contact  
means ~~(18)~~ transversely with respect to the longitudinal side.

7. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising

~~having a spring-loaded retaining means (4) for coupling to a~~  
bearing devicemeans ~~(5) which can be coupled thereto.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed in claim 1,

~~having further comprising a coding means (9a-9d) at at least~~  
one module location ~~(6a-6d)~~ and an opposing coding means  
~~on (10a-10d) ON~~ at least one connection module (7a-7d), for  
~~the purpose of providing module location-specific assignment.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed in claim 1, comprising

~~having a latching means (11) per module location (6a-6d) and~~  
~~an opposing latching means (12) per connection module, (7a-7d)~~  
~~for the purpose of respectively providing module location-~~  
specific locking and unlocking.

10. (Currently Amended) The modular service device as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least one of ~~having an~~ electrical, electromagnetic ~~or~~ and electronic device unit~~(3)~~.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the insulating device is integrated as a plug-in element in the housing.

13. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising at least one of an electrical, electromagnetic and electronic device unit.

14. (New) A modular service device, comprising:  
a housing including at least one module location;  
at least one connection module, arrangeable at the module location and including a connection device for a connectable line;  
a contact device per module location and an opposing contact device per connection module, the contact device being contactable with the opposing contact device; and

an insulating device, arranged at least one of on an end and a longitudinal side on at least one of the contact device and opposing contact device, the contact device being covered on at least one of the end and the longitudinal side by the insulating device.

15. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the insulating device includes an insulating bracket.

16. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the insulating device is integrated as a plug-in element in the housing.

17. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the insulating device is arranged at least one of parallel to and perpendicular to the longitudinal side of the contact device.

18. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the housing and the insulating device are in the form of an integral composite.

19. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the contact device include a longitudinal

side, the contact device being contactable with the opposing contact device transversely with respect to the longitudinal side.

20. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a spring-loaded retaining device, coupleable to a bearing device.

21. (New) The modular service device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a coding device at at least one module location and an opposing coding device on at least one connection module, for providing module location-specific assignment.